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SUBJECT: POPOV DELEGATION TO USA

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL FOR CU/ARTS DIRECTOR CORIDEN MEET DEPMIN POPOV AT ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK AND COORDINATE HIS ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS NEW YORK JAZZ REPERTORY AND ANY OTHER GROUPS DEPT. MAY HAVE IN MIND FOR 1976. POST NOTES BOTH ALVIN AILEY COMPANY AND NEW YORK CITY OPERA WILL BE PERFORMING IN NEW YORK AT TIME OF SCHEDULED VISIT.
 2. IT WOULD ALSO BE EXCEEDINGLY VALUABLE IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON COULD ARRANGE A WORKING LUNCH AT DEPT WITH APPROPRIATE CULTURAL OFFICIALS, NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO DEPT.
 3. POPOV WILL BE EXPECTING TO BE MET AT WASHINGTON AIRPORT AT APPROPRIATE PROTOCOL LEVEL. SINCE HE IS KEY FIGURE IN ALL EXCHANGES AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INVOLVING MINCULT, EMBASSY URGES MAXIMUM TAILORING OF PROGRAM AND TOP-LEVEL ATTENTION. FOR EXAMPLE, PERSONALIZED WALK THROUGH OF HIRSHHORN, OR ONE OF NEW YORK MODERN ART MUSEUMS (SUCH AS CONDUCTED FOR FURTSEVA BY DAVID
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ROCKERFELLER) WOULD HAVE INVALUABLE PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL

EFFECT. CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT FOR DISCUSSION CULTURAL RELATIONS
WOULD LIKEWISE HAVE GREAT IMPACT.

4. FYI: POPOV TRAVELLED TO USA BRIEFLY IN APRIL 1958 AS HEAD OF
SMALL YOUTH DELEGATION FROM COMMITTEE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND
SET UP PROGRAM WITH EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LIVING. IN
REFERRING TO VISIT, POPOV CHARACTERIZES IT PROUDLY AS FIRST OF
ITS KIND. POPOV VISITED BRIEFLY NEW YORK, CHICAGO, URBANA,
WASHINGTON, D.C., AND PUTNEY, VERMONT. HE APPEARS STILL DEEPLY
IMPRESSED WITH CHARM OF LATTER AREA AND HOME HOSPITALITY HE
RECEIVED.

5. POST EXPECTS POPOV WILL REQUIRE TIME IN D.C. TO PLAY TENNIS,
HIS INTENDED PARTNER BEING SOVEMBOFF V.M. KAMENEV. END FYI.

6. MINCULT STILL CONSIDERING INCLUSIVE DATES. DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH PROPOSE ITINERARY BASED ON PERIOD APRIL 15 THROUGH 25 AND
ADVISE EMBASSY SOONEST FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH POPOV.
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